Amendments

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, beginning on line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

--Inhibition of the peptidyl-prolyl isomerase (rotamase) activity of the inventive compounds can be evaluated by known methods described in the literature (Harding, M.W. et al. *Nature* 341: 758-760 (1989); Holt et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 115: 9923-9938). These values are obtained as apparent K_i values and are presented in Table I. The *cis-trans* isomerization of an phenylalanine-proline bond in a model substrate, N-succinyl-Ala - Phe -Pro-Phe-*p*-nitroanilide (SEQ ID NO: 1), is monitored spectrophotometrically in a chymotrypsin-coupled assay, which releases *para*-nitroanilide from the *trans* form of the substrate. The inhibition of this reaction caused by the addition of different concentrations of inhibitor is determined, and the data is analyzed as a change in first-order rate constant as a function of inhibitor concentration to yield the apparent K_i values.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, beginning on line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

--In a plastic cuvette are added 950 µL of ice cold assay buffer (25 mM HEPES, pH 7.8, 100 mM NaCl), 10 µL of FKBP (2.5 µM in 10 mM Tris-Cl pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM dithiothreitol), 25 µL of chymotrypsin (50 mg/ml in 1 mM HCl) and 10 µL of test compound at various concentrations in dimethyl sulfoxide. The reaction is initiated by the addition of 5 µL of substrate (succinyl-Ala-Phe-Pro-Phe-para-nitroanilide (SEQ ID NO: 1), 5 mg/mL in 2.35 mM LiCl in trifluoroethanol).--

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